MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: There is a staff of the Accountant Gentral's Office posted in the Transport Department and they are conducting concurrent audit.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: So, is there no necessity for auditing this office?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: No.

Representation from Toddy shop contractors.

124. ❋ **MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received representation from toddy shop contractors in the State relating to the loss they are put to on account of the distroyiug of tapping trees by political agitators;

(*b*) whether they have made any enquiry into the complaints of these contractors: if so, what is the result of that enquiry; and

(*c*) what steps, if any, they have taken to safeguard the interest of these contractors?

MR. M. P. JOSEPH (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. It was found that in certain cases the complaints were true.

(*c*) In deserving cases, the contractors were granted remission of kist.

MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL: With reference to answer to part (*a*) May I know the extent of the relief given.

MR. M. P. JOSEPH: Rs. 3,007.

MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL: May I know whether applications are pending?

MR. M. P. JOSEPH: There were several applications but they were considered and rejected.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know the names of those contractors?

MR. M. P. JOSEPH: I cannot give the names of contractors but I can give the names of those shops.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know the number of those shops,

MR. M. P. JOSEPH: 14.

Amalgamation of P. W. D. and Water Works Departments.

125 ❋ **MR. M. KESAVA PANICKAR** (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether eleven acting hands were relieved of their duties from the Water Works Department and none from the P. W. D., at the time of amalgamation of the P. W. D. and the Water Works Departments, dated 16-12-1938;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether some persons so disbanded were seniors to some acting hands in the P. W. D; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, what are the reasons therefor?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The question of discharging the acting hands of the P. W. D., did not arise, as the amalgamation of the Water Works and Drainage Department with the P. W. D. had to be given effect to only after reducing the original strength of the staff of the Water Works and Drainage Department to the strength of the staff sanctioned for the various offices in the Water Works Section of the P. W. D.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know whether certain supervisors were relieved of their duties?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I cannot give a definite answer now. It is quite possible. Some were relieved and employed elsewhere.

Quarterly Civil List.

126 *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state; why the "Date of birth" column and the „Commencement of service" column in the current Quarterly Civil List are left vacant in the case of certain officers?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: *Date of birth.* The omission of entries in the column 'Date of birth' in certain cases is due to want of information and proof in regard to the date of birth of the officers concerned which have been called for. In the case of officers holding substantive gazetted appointments, officiating in another appointment, the date of birth is not entered against the officiating appointment, but only shown against their substantive appointment. Again in the case of Covenanted Officers and Officers appointed for limited periods, information in regard to date of birth is not called for, the same being unnecessary.

Commencement of service. This column is filled up only when the officer is confirmed in the cadre in which he is appointed.

Repatriation order of the Ceylon Government.

127 *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representations by the Travancoreans in Ceylon with regard to the repatriation order of the Ceylon Government is contemplating to put into effect;

(*b*) the probable number of Travancoreans that may be affected by that order;

(*c*) whether any steps have been taken by our Government with regard to this matter; and

(*d*) if so the nature of the steps taken?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes; representations have been received from the Ceylon Malayali Mahajana Sabha.

(*b*) Government have no information.

(*c*) & (*d*) This Government have forwarded their views to the Government of India and sought to impress upon them the necessity to take effective measures for counter-acting the policy adopted by the Government of Ceylon which this Government recognise, affects prejudicially a large number of Travancoreans.

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